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ECONOMIC DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Origins and History

On 14 August 1952 the Intelligence Advisory Committee approved terms of reference for the Intelligence Working Group, which was established at the request of the Director for National Security with the approval of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense.* This group was subsequently renamed the Economic Defense Intelligence Committee (EDIC).**

According to its terms of reference, the EDIC shall "develop and furnish intelligence to the Economic Defense Advisory Committee (EDAC) for policy making and operations in the economic defense field . . . and develop closer continuous relationships among the operational, policy-formulation and intelligence-research elements engaged in the economic defense program." Under these terms of reference, the EDIC is responsible for facilitating the mobilization of intelligence resources and data needed by the EDAC, for recommending to appropriate agencies collection requirements designed to fill specific gaps, and for providing EDAC with both coordinated intelligence reports and "spot" intelligence.

Organization

Present membership of the EDIC includes representatives from CIA and the intelligence sections of State, Army, Navy and the Air Force. The Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Director for Mutual Defense Assistance Control (MDAC), Commerce, Treasury, and elements of State including the International Cooperation Administration (ICA), the Economic Defense Staff (EDS) and the Office of Munitions Control (OMC) have designated representatives to serve as associate members. Associate members have full right of participation except for those intelligence matters which fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of the IAC agencies. Any other agency having interest or competence in the field of economic defense intelligence may be invited to sit with the Committee. The principal representative of CIA serves as Chairman.

* IAC-D-53/1, 25 July 1952, as amended by IAC-D-53/5.1 of 25 February 1953, contains a statement of the terms of reference for this group.

** Approved by the IAC on 26 October 1954.

At present there are two working groups and a subcommittee as follows:

Working Group on Propellants and Fuel Additives (CIA Chairman)
Working Group on Collection Requirements (CIA Chairman)
Subcommittee on Trade in Decontrolled Commodities (State Chairman)

Reports and Publications

The ADIC regularly publishes the following: Agenda and Minutes for Committee Meetings, Information Documents, Intelligence Requests and Case Summaries. Intelligence Requests are circulated to ADIC members only; other papers are distributed on a need-to-know basis to members, selected CIA offices, and DDCI components.

Annual Progress Reports have been published each year as follows: IAC-D-15, 10 September 1963; IAC-D-55/5, 16 September 1964; IAC-D-55/7, 11 October 1965.